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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

John C. Pederson

Application No.:

10/749591

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For:

Strip LED Light Assembly for Motor Vehicle

Examiner:

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Listed below or on an attached form listing the cited references and/or a copy of a PTO-892 form is information known to applicant(s). A copy of each listed publication, U.S. patent, foreign patent and U.S. patent application is being submitted herewith, along with a concise explanation of information in a foreign language, if any, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98, except that U.S. applications from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120, and documents cited in such priority applications, may be omitted from the enclosures pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d). Applicant's submission of copies of U.S. applications does not constitute a waiver of the confidentiality of such applications. As such, Applicant requests that any copies of unpublished US applications submitted herewith be excluded from the file wrapper pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.14.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. If the form listing the cited references or PTO-892 from a prior application is enclosed, the Examiner is requested to initial and return it in accordance with MPEP §609.

This statement is not intended to represent that a search has been made or that the information cited in the statement is prior art, or is or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in §1.56.

Applications that are listed on the accompanying form listing the cited references as related by priority are related by priority claim under 35 USC §120. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(d), no copies of cited art in a previous application(s) to which priority was claimed need be submitted. Applicant is providing copies of the form listing the cited references and/or 892 forms from these cases.

· X	I. This staten	nent qualifies as a no-fee Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R.
§1.97(b) or otherwise	e because to the knowledge of the undersigned attorney it is being filed
(check	all that apply)	:
	<u>X</u> (1)	within 3 months of the filing date of the application (other than a CPA); or
	(2)	within 3 months of entry of the national stage; or
	X (3)	before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits;
	(4)	before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for
	,	continued examination (RCE) under §1.114;
	(5)	as part of a continued prosecution application (CPA); or
	(6)	during the period of a suspension of action for a CPA under 37 C.F.R.
		§1.103(b).
_	II. This state	ment is believed to require a fee or the submission of a certification under
	37 C.F.R. §1.	97 (c) or otherwise. If this statement is being filed after the latest of: (1)
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	months beyon	nd the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in §1.491 in an
	international a	application; (3) the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits; (4) the
	mailing of a f	irst Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination
	under §1.114;	or (5) after the filing of a request for a continued prosecution application,
	but before the	mailing date of the earlier of a final office action under §1.113, a notice of
	allowance und	der §1.311 or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application,
	then:	
	(1)	a certification as specified in §1.97(e) is provided below; or
	(2)	a fee of \$180.00 as set forth in \$1.17(p) is authorized below, enclosed, or
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. In regard to the above-identified application, in addition to this 2 page transmittal letter, we are submitting the attached:

4 page Information Disclosure Statement; 10 page list of references; 33 references; and Postcard.

- 2. With respect to fees:
 - No additional fee is required.
 - □ Attached is check(s) in the amount of \$
 - Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

3. CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.8: I hereby certify that this Transmittal Letter and the paper(s) as described herein, are being deposited in the U.S. Postal Service, as FIRST CLASS MAIL, addressed to Commissioner for Patent, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on March 3, 2004.

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	III. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d). If this statement is being filed after the mailing date of the
	earlier of a final office action under §1.113, a notice of allowance under §1.311, or an
	action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application, but before payment of the
	issue fee, then:
	(1) a certification as specified in §1.97(e) is completed below; and
	(2) a fee of \$180.00 as set forth in \$1.17(p) is authorized below, enclosed, or
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<u>X</u>	IV. Fee Authorization. If any fee is due for consideration of this Information Disclosure
	Statement and full payment has not been submitted herewith, regardless of which boxes
	have been checked above, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any
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	this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign
	patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the
	date of the filing of this information disclosure statement.
	This communication was not received by any individual designated in §
	1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.
	I hereby certify, under 37 CFR §1.97(e)(2), that no item of information contained in the
	information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent
	office in a counterpart foreign application, and to the knowledge of the person signing the
	statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the
	information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 1.56(c) more
	than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.
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	e purpose of this certification, Applicant considers the PCT International Search Authority

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If this Information Disclosure Statement has been submitted without the appropriate box checked, Applicant requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered nevertheless if it is timely submitted under any of the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 or otherwise. Finally, if any petition is necessary to ensure consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicant requests that this be treated as such a petition.

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION

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	AB	3,469,686	09/30/1969	Gutsche et al.	206/65	
	AC	3,701,043	10/24/1972	Zuleeg et al.	331/94.5	
	AD	3,705,316	12/05/1972	Burrous et al.	307/311	
	AE	3,863,075	01/28/1975	Ironmonger et al.	250/552	
	AF	3,867,718	02/18/1975	Moe	340/908	-
	AG	3,889,147	06/10/1975	Groves	313/500	
	AH	4,149,111	04/10/1979	Coates, Jr.	315/169.4	
	AI	4,243,985	01/06/1981	Quayle	340/753	
	AJ	4,254,453	03/03/1981	Mouyard et al.	362/240	
	AK	4,271,408	06/02/1981	Teshima et al.	340/402	
	AL	4,298,806	11/03/1981	Herold	250/504	
•	AM	4,301,461	11/17/1981	Asano	357/17	
	AN	4,319,306	03/09/1982	Stanuch	362/35	
	AO	4,336,580	06/22/1982	Mouyard et al.	362/347	
	AP	4,342,944	08/03/1982	Spring Thorpe	313/499	
	AQ	4,390,931	06/28/1983	Gorick et al.	362/267	
	AR	4,434,510	02/28/1984	Lemelson	455/603	
	AS	4,445,132	04/24/1984	Ichikawa et al.	357/32	
	AT	4,556,862	12/03/1985	Meinershagen	340/67	
40.	AU	4,598,198	07/01/1986	Fayfield	350/205	
	AV	4,614,866	09/30/1986	Liss et al.	250/214	
	AW	4,615,131	10/07/1986	Wakatake	40/473	19-
	AX	4,616,225	10/07/1986	Woudenberg	340/908	
	AY	4,630,180	12/16/1986	Muraki et al.	362/223	
	AZ	4,630,183	12/16/1986	Fujita	362/311	

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	AB	4,654,629	03/31/1987	Bezos et al.	340/87	
	AC	4,703,219	10/27/1987	Mesquida	313/111	
	AD	4,710,977	12/01/1987	Lemelson	455/603	
	AE	4,716,296	12/29/1987	Bussiere et al.	250/504	
	AF	4,720,835	01/19/1988	Akiba et al.	372/50	
	AG	4,724,312	02/09/1988	Snaper	250/203	
	AH	4,742,432	05/03/1988	Thillays et al.	361/400	
	AI	4,799,135	01/17/1989	Inukai et al.	362/296	
	AJ	4,821,338	04/11/1989	Naruse et al.	455/617	
	AK	4,868,719	09/19/1989	Kouchi et al.	362/61	
	AL	4,918,497	04/17/1990	Edmond	357/17	
	AM	4,928,084	05/22/1990	Reiser	340/479	
	AN	4,929,866	05/29/1990	Reiser	313/500	
	AO	4,935,665	06/19/1990	Murata et al.	313/500	
	AP	4,954,822	09/04/1990	Borenstein	340/925	
	AQ	4,965,644	10/23/1990	Kawabata et al.	357/17	
	AR	4,966,862	10/30/1990	Edmond	437/100	
	AS	4,975,814	12/04/1990	Schairer	362/240	
	AT	4,990,970	02/05/1991	Fuller	357/17	
	AU	5,000,569	03/19/1991	Nylund	356/237	
	AV	5,027,168	06/25/1991	Edmond	357/17	
	AW	5,038,406	08/06/1991	Titterton et al.	359/113	
	AX	5,041,947	08/20/1991	Yuen et al.	362/35	
	AY	5,045,767	09/03/1991	Wakatake	313/696	
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	AB	5,067,788	11/26/1991	Jannson et al.	385/2		
	AC	5,091,828	02/25/1992	Jincks et al.	362/35		
	AD	5,093,768	03/03/1992	Ohe	362/241		
	AE	5,097,397	03/17/1992	Stanuch et al.	362/74		
	AF	5,097,612	03/24/1992	Williams	40/591		
	AG	5,101,326	03/31/1992	Roney	362/61		
	AH	5,122,943	06/16/1992	Pugh	362/256		
	AI	5,136,287	08/04/1992	Borenstein	340/925		
	AJ	5,159,486	10/27/1992	Webb	359/229		
	AK	5,187,547	02/16/1993	Niina et al.	257/77		
	AL	5,198,756	03/30/1993	Gyugyi et al.	323/207		
	AM	5,220,235	06/15/1993	Wakimizu et al.	313/25		
	AN	5,224,773	07/06/1993	Arimura	362/227		
	AO	5,233,204	08/03/1993	Fletcher et al.	257/13		
	AP	5,235,498	08/10/1993	Van Dulmen et al.	362/296		
	AQ	5,283,425	02/01/1994	Imamura	250/208		
	AR	5,291,196	03/01/1994	Defour	340/961		
	AS	5,298,738	03/29/1994	Gebert et al.	250/222		
	AT	5,302,965	04/12/1994	Belcher et al.	345/31		
	AU	5,313,187	05/17/1994	Choi et al.	340/331		
	AV	5,321,593	06/14/1994	Moates	362/251		
	AW	5,357,123	10/18/1994	Sugawara	257/88		
	AX	5,357,409	10/18/1994	Glatt	362/105		
	AY	5,359,255	10/25/1994	Kawai et al.	313/17		
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	AB	5,400,140	03/21/1995	Johnston	356/345	
	AC	5,403,916	04/04/1995	Watanabe et al.	437/127	
	AD	5,406,095	04/11/1995	Koyama et al.	257/88	
	AE	5,410,328	04/25/1995	Yoksza et al.	345/82	
	AF	5,410,453	04/25/1995	Ruskouski	362/20	
	AG	5,416,627	05/16/1995	Wilmoth	359/159	
	AH	5,419,065	05/30/1995	Lin	40/550	
	AI	5,420,444	05/30/1995	Sawase et al.	257/99	
	AJ	5,422,623	06/06/1995	Bader et al.	340/331	
	AK	5,426,417	06/20/1995	Stanuch	340/473	
	AL	5,434,693	07/18/1995	Tanaka et al.	359/180	
	AM	5,436,809	07/25/1995	Brassier et al.	362/61	
	AN	5,450,301	09/12/1995	Waltz et al.	362/231	
	AO	5,465,142	11/07/1995	Krumes et al.	356/5.01	
	AP	5,471,371	11/28/1995	Koppolu et al.	362/32	
	AQ	5,475,241	12/12/1995	Harrah et al.	257/99	
	AR	5,482,896	01/09/1996	Tang	437/209	
	AS	5,490,049	02/06/1996	Montalan et al.	362/240	
	AT	5,491,350	02/13/1996	Unno et al.	257/99	
	AU	5,498,883	03/12/1996	Lebby et al.	257/95	
	AV	5,514,627	05/07/1996	Lowery et al.	437/209	
	AW	5,516,727	05/14/1996	Broom	437/211	
	AX	5,519,720	05/21/1996	Hirano et al.	372/36	
	AY	5,526,237	06/11/1996	Davenport et al.	362/32	
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	AB	5,567,036	10/22/1996	Theobald et al.	362/80	
	AC	5,569,939	10/29/1996	Choi	257/94	
	AD	5,575,459	11/19/1996	Anderson	362/240	
	AE	5,580,156	12/03/1996	Suzuki et al.	362/184	
	AF	5,585,783	12/17/1996	Hall	340/473	
	AG	5,593,223	01/14/1997	Koizumi	362/255	
	AH	5,593,459	01/14/1997	Gamblin	8/539	
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	AJ	5,604,480	02/18/1997	Lamparter	340/433	
	AK	5,606,444	02/25/1997	Johnson et al.	359/152	
	AL	5,612,201	03/18/1997	De Plaen et al.	435/91.2	
	AM	5,612,231	03/18/1997	Holm et al.	437/23	
	AN	5,625,201	04/29/1997	Holm et al.	257/88	
	AO	5,627,851	05/06/1997	Takahaski	372/44	
	AP	5,631,474	05/20/1997	Saitoh	257/88	
	AQ	5,632,551	05/27/1997	Roney et al.	362/249	
	AR	5,634,287	06/03/1997	Lamparter	40/572	
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	AV	5,636,916	06/10/1997	Sokolowski	362/61	
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	AD	5,697,175	12/16/1997	Schwartz	40/552	
	AE	5,705,047	01/06/1998	Lee	205/123	
	AF	5,707,891	01/13/1998	Izumi et al.	437/120	
	AG	5,726,535	03/10/1998	Yan	315/185	
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	AL	5,739,592	04/14/1998	Rigsby et al.	307/9.1	
	AM	5,758,947	06/02/1998	Glatt	362/105	
	AN	5,760,531	06/02/1998	Pederson	313/25	
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	AQ	5,789,768	08/04/1998	Lee et al.	257/96	
	AR	5,793,062	08/11/1998	Kissh, Jr. et al.	257/98	
	AS	5,796,376	08/18/1998	Banks	345/82	
	AT	5,804,822	09/08/1998	Brass et al.	250/302	
	AU	5,805,081	09/08/1998	Fikacek	340/908	
	·AV	5,806,965	09/15/1998	Deese	362/249	
	AW	5,808,592	09/15/1998	Mizutani et al.	345/83	
	AX	5,826,965	10/27/1998	Lyons	362/74	
	AY	5,828,055	10/27/1998	Jebens	250/214	
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	AD	5,872,646	02/16/1999	Alserman et al.	359/169	
	AE	5,898,381	04/27/1999	Gartner et al.	340/815.65	
	AF	5,900,850	05/04/1999	Bailery et al.	345/55	
	AG	5,917,637	06/29/1999	Iskikawa et al.	359/181	
	AH	5,929,788	07/27/1999	Vukosic	340/908.1	
	AI	5,931,562	08/03/1999	Arato	362/184	
	AJ	5,931,570	08/03/1999	Yamuro	362/355	
	AK	5,932,860	08/03/1999	Plesko	235/454	
	AL	5,934,694	08/10/1999	Schugt et al.	280/33.991	
	AM	5,939,996	08/17/1999	Kniveton et al.	340/815.4	
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	AO	5,960,135	09/28/1999	Ozawa	385/24	
	AP	5,965,879	10/12/1999	Leviton	250/231.13	
	AQ	5,966,073	10/12/1999	Walton	340/479	
	AR	5,975,714	11/02/1999	Vetorino et al.	362/192	
	AS	5,990,802	11/23/1999	Maskeny	340/815.45	
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